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SUBJECT: PRG LIAISON OFFICE IN GENEVA

REF: A. STATE 261067, B. USUN 5570

FOR AMBASSADOR SCALI

1. YOU SHOULD GET BACK TO WALDHEIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND
TELL HIM SECRETARY IN NO WAY INTENDED TO GIVE "GREEN
LIGHT" TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRG LIAISON OFFICE IN
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GENEVA. HE SAID U.S. COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO APPROVE
ASSIGNMENT OF PRG PERSONNEL TO GENEVA, ALTHOUGH HE SAID
LEAST OFFENSIVE SITUATION WOULD BE IF THEY WERE WORKING ON

HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS. IN SAYING THIS HE DID NOT RPT NOT MEAN TO IMPLY WE WOULD BE RELAXED ABOUT THE OPENING OF A PRG OFFICE ACCREDITED TO THE UN. YOU SHOULD TELL WALDHEIM THIS MATTER HAS BEEN REVIEWED WITH THE SECRETARY AND U.S. REMAINS OPPOSED TO ANY ENHANCEMENT OF THE STATUS OF THE PRG WITH RESPECT TO UN AGENCIES. WE CONSIDER THIS UN MOVE TOWARD A PRG OFFICE IN GENEVA AS UNFORTUNATE.

2. FURTHER WE DO NOT ACCEPT WALDHEIM'S ASSERTION THAT THE MATTER IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE SWISS GOVERNMENT.

CLEARLY THE GOS IS RESPONDING TO THE RECENT UNSYG TRANSMITTAL OF A PRG REQUEST FOR SUCH OFFICE AND WHAT THE GOS INTERPRETS TO BE AN SYG ENDORSEMENT OF THAT REQUEST. THUS WE TRUST THAT WALDHEIM WILL FIND A WAY TO COMMUNICATE FURTHER WITH THE SWISS TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE SYG DOES NOT ENDORSE A PRG OFFICE AND TO REQUEST THAT THE GOS TAKE NO STEPS TO SANCTION THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH OFFICE IN GENEVA.

3. IN MEANTIME WE ARE CALLING IN THE SWISS AMBASSADOR TO UNDERLINE OUR GREAT CONCERN IN THIS MATTER AND TO URGE THAT THE GOS SUSPEND ANY MOVEMENT IN THIS REGARD PENDING FURTHER ADVICE FROM WALDHEIM THAT HE DOES NOT ENDORSE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRG GENEVA OFFICE. KISSINGER

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